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EARTH DAY:
Volunteers Invited to Participate This Saturday at Folsom Lake
Three-hours only

FOLSOM – California State Parks is grateful for the California State Parks Foundation for planning its 12th annual Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup program this Saturday.

At Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma, already more than 160 volunteers from various community organizations have pledged their participation. Anybody with an interest in improving, protecting, and preserving our parks are invited to join in. There are projects for all ages and skill levels – planting native species, restoring habitat and trails, building interpretive displays, and cleaning up beaches and parklands.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work with others in your community and also learn about the variety of way to protect and preserve parklands year-round," said Dan Tynan, Sector Superintendent of the Folsom Sector at California State Parks.

Volunteers check in at 8:15 a.m. at Negro Bar, 9875 Greenback Lane in the group picnic area (follow the signs). From there, they will disperse to the various locations listed below, and then return to be treated to a barbecue at noon.

Earth Day Volunteer Projects
- Folsom Powerhouse – vegetation reduction for protection of unique historic 1895 power house and associated structures
- Lake Natoma bike pathway – south end from Nimbus Flat to Lake Natoma Inn – minor trail maintenance and site clearance
- Negro Bar – mostly litter pick up
- Nimbus SRA – beach cleanup
- Below Nimbus Dam – litter pick up and debris removal
- STAR VI Memorial at Lake Natoma, a monument erected by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to honor those who died in a Sheriff's helicopter crash there on July 13, 2005 – refreshing plants and flowers.

Visitors should be aware that there could be trail delays on portions of the multi-use trails surrounding Lake Natoma during the event.

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